Return of medals by ex-servicemen and officers

†2183. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that retired soldiers and officers have returned their medals during last few years;

(b) if so, the number of medals returned by them;

(c) the reasons for returning these medals;

(d) whether Government has made any efforts to arrive on a consensus to solve those issues; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Nine cardboard boxes full of medals have been received.

(c) In protest against non-acceptance of their demands of 'One Rank, One Pension'.

(d) and (e) Although the 'One Rank One Pension' demand has not been accepted, keeping in view the spirit of the matter, the Committee constituted has recommended substantial improvement in pension of pre 01.01.2006 PBOR pensioners and bring pre 10.10.1997 pensioners on par with post 10.10.1997 pensioners.

Commanders' Conference

2184. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether continuing Chinese military build up and its repercussion on Indo-China border were discussed during top Indian leaders at Commanders' Conference in October, 2009;

(b) if so, whether Armed Forces also discussed rapid pace of infrastructure development on Chinese side of border;

(c) whether this Conference was also attended by PM, Defence Minister, National Security Adviser;

(d) if so, the outcome of the discussions held and decisions taken; and

(e) whether in the Conference India's border in Ladakh, Arunachal sector in the wake of Chinese belligerence and delay in armament acquisition for Indian army, were main topics discussed?

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